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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 1660

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EWWT, PLOS, IMCO, MY, ID, SN
SUBJECT: FEBRUARY TRIPARTITIE MEETING ON STRAITS

REFS: (A) STATE 087918; (B) SINGAPORE 1646

1. REGRET EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN ANY INFO TO DATE ON QUESTIONS POSED REFTEL. PRINCIPAL GOS EXPERTS IN THIS FIELD ARE CURRENTLY ATTENDING LOS CONFERENCE IN GENEVA. HOWEVER DEPTUY SECRETARY MFA TAN BOON SENG HAS BEEN ATTENDING A MEETING IN TOKYO WITH GOJ AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM IMS GOVERNMENTS TO DISCUSS RESULTS OF HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYS. WE UNDERSTAND FROM ACCOUNTS IN INTERNATIONAL PRESS THAT THIS MEETING HAS LARGELY BEEN CONFINED TO REVIEWING RESULTS OF SURVEY, PRODUCING AN AGREED CHART OF STRAITS, AND DISCUSSING SIGNIFICANCE OF FINDINGS.

2. TAN BOON SENG IS EXPECTED TO RETURN FROM TOKYO MEETING APRIL 23 OR 24, AND WE WILL SEEK APPOINTMENT ASAP
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TO REVIEW WITH HIM RESULTS OF MEETING AS WELL AS

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QUESTIONS POSED REFTEL.

3. GIVEN PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED GOS INTEREST IN DELAYING IMPOSITION OF RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF STRAITS UNTIL AFTER GENEVA LOS CONFERENCE, WE NORMALLY WOULD HAVE ASSUMED THAT IMS GOVERNMENTS WOULD NOT COLLECTIVELY TAKE ANY IMMEDIATE DECISIONS OR SUBMIT ANY URGENT RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMCO AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, GIVEN LATEST OIL TANKER COLLISION IN SINGAPORE STRAITS REPORTED REF B, GOS MAY DECIDE IT SHOULD GO ALONG WITH EARLY ACTION ON TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME AND POSSIBLY OTHER RESTRICTIONS IF GOM AND GOI EXERT STRONG PRESSURE.
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